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 EVE 5K RUN**  
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Photo by Steve Elliott

Emergency service Dispatcher Mike Markovitch (left) explains to FSH Garrison Commander Col. Mary E. Garr how the ProQA software helps him handle a medical emergency call.

## E911 system provides faster responses for FSH

By Steve Elliott  
 FSH Public Affairs

In the United States, 911 has been the universal emergency number for all telephone services, and a key component of the country's emergency response and disaster preparedness system, for more than 40 years. However, the advent of wireless- and Internet-based phone systems has meant the old standby needed an upgrade.

Mandated by the Federal Communications Commission, Enhanced 911 has been the answer allowing systems to identify telephone numbers and locations of calls made from mobile phones, Voice over Internet Protocol used by computer-based phones and

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## Swan takes command of ARNORTH, Turner bids farewell

By Sgt. Joshua Ford  
 ARNORTH Public Affairs

Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III took over as the commanding general of U.S. Army North from Lt. Gen. Thomas Turner during a change of command ceremony Dec. 15 inside the command's historic headquarters at the Quadrangle.

Hundreds of service members and civilians also gathered to bid farewell to Turner, the command's second commanding general, as he retired after more than 35 years of service – the final three at the helm of Army North.

Ceremonies were co-hosted by Air Force Gen. Victor Renuart Jr., commanding general of North American Aerospace

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Photo by Sgt. Joshua Ford

Lt. Gen. Guy Swan III (left), U.S. Army North commanding general, is presented the Army North colors by Air Force Gen. Victor Renuart, the commanding general of North American Aerospace Command and U.S. Northern Command, during a change of command ceremony inside Army North's historic headquarters at the Quadrangle.

Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst (second from left) stands at the entrance to Building 1000 after being welcomed to Fort Sam Houston by Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas (left), ARSOUTH commander Brig. Gen. Manuel Ortiz Jr. (third from left), deputy commanding general, U.S. Army South; and Col. James Lee, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade commander.

Photos by Gregory Rippes



## Texas lieutenant governor visits

By Gregory Rippes  
 470th MI Brigade Public Affairs

Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst received briefings from the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade on its organization, intelligence capabilities and operations during a visit to the brigade on Fort Sam Houston Dec. 7.

The lieutenant governor was greeted by Col. Jim Lee, 470th MI Brigade commander,

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# Afghanistan troop increase won't change plans to up dwell time, says Army Chief of Staff

By **C. Todd Lopez**  
Army News Service

A 30,000 boots-on-the-ground increase in Afghanistan will not change the Army's plans to cut Stop Loss, stabilize deployment lengths or increase dwell time for Soldiers.

In a message to Army leaders, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. said the impact from the increase "will not be as significant" as Soldiers might think.

The general said that due to the 70,000-Soldier increase the Army has experienced over the last five years, the addition of 30,000 service members in Afghanistan would be able to happen without the Army needing to go

to 15-month deployments, without decreasing dwell time at home station below 12 months, and without halting the plan to come off stop loss.

The general also said that if the Iraq draw-down continues, the Army will move closer to its goals for dwell time – increasing the time troops spend at home between deployments – eventually reaching a 1:2 dwell time for active-duty Soldiers, and a 1:4 dwell time for reserve-component Soldiers.

"Even with the increase ordered by the president, we estimate that about 70 percent of the active component will reach these goals by 2011," he wrote. "The remainder of the force

will continue to see their dwell rate increase and should meet these goals by 2012."

During a speech Dec. 1 at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., President Barack Obama announced the increase of 30,000 service members to support the 68,000 already in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"It is in our vital national interest to send an additional 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan," Obama said. "After 18 months, our troops will begin to come home. These are the resources that we need to seize the initiative, while building the Afghan capacity that can allow for a responsi-

ble transition of our forces out of Afghanistan."

Criteria for a draw-down would include the ability of the Afghans to provide security for their own country, said David S. Sedney, deputy assistant secretary of Defense for Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia.



















"There's the criteria that we'll be looking for, and it'll be a district-by-district, province-by-province process," Sedney said in a

Blogger's Roundtable Tuesday night.

Equipping the Afghans to provide that security, said Brig. Gen. John Nicholson, director of the Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell, Joint Staff, would be the role of both American Soldiers and Coalition partners.

"We are also, with these additional forces, going to act as a critical catalyst to accelerate their development," Nicholson said of the Afghan Army.

### Weekly Weather Watch

	Dec. 17	Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20	Dec. 21	Dec. 22
San Antonio	 <b>61°</b> Chance of Rain	 <b>63°</b> Partly Cloudy	 <b>61°</b> Partly Cloudy	 <b>63°</b> Partly Cloudy	 <b>61°</b> Partly Cloudy	 <b>63°</b> Mostly Cloudy
Kabul Afghanistan	 <b>46°</b> Clear	 <b>44°</b> Clear	 <b>39°</b> Chance of Rain	 <b>42°</b> Chance of Snow	 <b>44°</b> Clear	 <b>44°</b> Scattered Showers
Baghdad Iraq	 <b>69°</b> Scattered Showers	 <b>66°</b> Chance of Rain	 <b>69°</b> Scattered Showers	 <b>73°</b> Scattered Showers	 <b>71°</b> Scattered Showers	 <b>71°</b> Scattered Showers

(Source: Weather Underground at [www.wunderground.com](http://www.wunderground.com))

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### Thought of the Week

Greatness is a two-faced coin — and its reverse  
is humility. — Marguerite Steen  
(Source: Bits & Pieces, November 2009)



## News Briefs

### *Journey to Bethlehem*

The grounds of Main Post Chapel (Gift Chapel) will be transformed into a little Bethlehem Village for Journey to Bethlehem, Dec. 17-19, 5:30-8:30 p.m. The Journey to Bethlehem program will provide fun, memorable Bible-learning activities for Families. This event is free and open to the public. Call 221-5006.

### *Commissary Holiday Hours*

The Fort Sam Houston Commissary hours are Dec. 20-21 – 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Dec. 22 – 7 a.m.-9 p.m.; Dec. 23 – 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 24 – 7 a.m.-5 p.m.; Dec. 25 – closed; Dec. 26 – 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Jan. 1 – closed.

### *LMH Offices Closure*

Lincoln Military Housing offices will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1 to celebrate the holidays. Any questions, call 270-7638. Call 225-5564 for any maintenance requests; emergencies dial 911.

### *DPW Housing Offices Closed*

The RCI office, Building 407 and UPH and HSO offices, Building 367, will be closed Dec. 24-25. Call 221-0948.

### *BAMC Holiday Meal*

Brooke Army Medical Center will serve a holiday meal Dec. 25 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the lower level dining facility. BAMC staff has priority from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. The cost is \$5.95/E-4 and below and their Family members, \$7 for all others. Pay at the door, cash only. Military dress blues, Army Service Uniform or Class A duty uniform for personnel on duty, civilians are encouraged to wear coat and tie. Call 916-1003.

### *Low-Cost Pet Vaccinations*

The Fort Sam Houston Veterinary Clinic offers low-cost vaccinations for Lincoln Military Housing residents Jan. 9, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., on the patio of the Main Resident Center. Cost is \$10 each for distemper/parvo, leptospirosis and \$20 for 4DX HXT. Payment by cash or check only. Call 295-4260.

### *Commissary Closure*

The Fort Sam Houston Commissary will close at 5 p.m. Jan. 10 and be closed Jan. 11-12. The Lackland AFB and Randolph AFB commissaries will be open.

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# The importance of maintaining NREMT certification

By Staff Sgt. Shaundrea T. McCoy, LPN

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The Army depends heavily on its medical personnel. The transition of the “68 Whiskey” or Healthcare Specialist, otherwise known as Combat Medic has come a long way since its inception in 2001. With all of the changes, Soldiers and commanders realize the importance of Emergency Medical Technician training and the absolute necessity to keep the 68W sustained through continuing education and skills validation.

Emergency Medical Technician Basic covers the general basis of what the medic does on a day-to-day basis in garrison and on the battlefield. In addition, EMT-B gives medics a more quantifiable level of training and standardization of care. EMT-B raised the bar with the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technician licensure recognized by the civilian sector.

The skills of the Combat Medic are perishable and must be practiced and validated. So how does the process begin? In Advanced Individual Training, Soldiers learn EMT and field craft skills that are centered on TC3 principles. TC-8-800 covers Medical Education and Demonstration of Individual Competence for Medics consisting of VII training tables with table VIII providing the annual ACMS-VT testing.

Another method of earning continuing education credits and validating skills is hands-on training. During a situational training exercise medics must use their skills in a real time environment to prepare for mission-oriented situations.

During the field training exercise, Soldiers are tested on individual skills. The Army Surgeon General has directed

in the training guidance that all 68Ws validate skill proficiency on an annual basis. TC 8-800 is the sustainment tool of choice and awards 48 CE's once all training is completed and skills are validated.

The Army provides several other training tools to ensure every 68W Soldier has an opportunity to meet the requirements. There are 16 Medical Simulation Training Centers where a Soldier can enroll and receive the EMT-B refresher course, basic life support classes and validate skills according to TC 8-800.

Once standardized EMT training is possible, the MSTC's will be the primary means of training and validation for 68W Soldiers.

Swank Health ([www.swankhealth.com](http://www.swankhealth.com)) is an online continuing education Web site that all Soldiers have access to which allows them to receive continuing education. Most units provide Soldiers time during sergeant's time training to practice and maintain their medic skills. Soldiers with additional ASI's are often Professional Officer Filler System personnel and are required to attend PROFIS training with a combat support hospital.

The Army Medical Department Center & School also offers EMT training through the Video Tele-Training branch.

As a result of lessons learned from returning units and Soldiers, pre-hospital emergency medical and trauma care should include tactical combat casualty care skills set as the primary objective in transition and sustainment training to



The Combat Medic Memorial Statue in front of the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum is a permanent reminder of the bravery and skill that saved many lives on battlefields across the globe.

be well rounded and knowledgeable on the current trends and practices within the EMS profession. As the medic's knowledge increases, it will build confidence and cohesion within the unit.

Not being current on training can affect their career progress. Without adequate NREMT and BLS certification, Soldiers will not be allowed to attend Noncommissioned Officer Enlisted Services course and can be re-classed to another MOS if these certifications lapse for any amount of time. With the changes to AR 40-68, a non-MOS qualified 68W can receive a flag which prevents providing patient care, non-promotable status and not unable to reenlist in the Army.

In summary, it's the individual Soldier's responsibility to be proactive with maintaining skills proficiency as a 68W. The legacy of today's combat medic on the battlefield is due largely to transition and sustainment, resulting in the lowest battlefield fatalities in the history of the U.S. Choosing not to sustain is not acceptable and could ultimately be the cause of medics not being prepared to save lives.

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enhance military pre-hospital evacuation. This concept falls under Tactical Combat Casualty Course. The goals of TC3 are to treat casualties, prevent additional casualties and complete the mission.

These are not the only methods for medics to earn education and training hours. College courses such as psychology and anatomy can be used as continuing education. Also, additional medical training such as basic life support instructor, teaching classes at the MSTC during the EMT-B refresher course, Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support, Neonatal Resuscitation Program, and STABLES (sugar, temperature, airway, blood pressure, lab work, and emotional support) classes all provide credit as continuing education for medics.

A medic has great responsibility because the Soldiers look to the “Doc” when making sound decisions about health care in and out of combat. Continuing education allows the medic to



# Air Force brings holiday cheer to Warrior and Family Support Center

By Steve Elliott  
FSH Public Affairs

The U.S. Air Force came bearing gifts to Fort Sam Houston's Warrior and Family Support Center Dec. 15, bringing holiday cheer to wounded warriors and their families.

Almost a dozen groups from throughout Lackland Air Force Base, a Cub Scout troop and a self-defense group got involved in collecting money and a potpourri of items for those who use the facility.

"The Secretary and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force named July 2009 through July 2010 as Year of the Air Force Family," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Dawn MacKenzie.

"It's being used to



Photo by Steve Elliott

WFSC Program Manager Judith Markelz expresses her thanks to Air Force Staff Sgt. Dawn MacKenzie for the money and items donated as part of the Wounded Warrior Donation Drive at Lackland Air Force Base.

highlight the many successful programs already in place and to inform Airmen and their Families of the development of new programs.

"The idea for the Wounded Warrior Donation Drive came about when it was publicized that November was Wounded Warrior Month," said MacKenzie, who is assigned to the 59th Mental Health Squadron at Wilford Hall Medical Center.

"When I found out Lackland had not created a formal event for the month, I jumped into high gear locating the best facility that directly impacted the lives of all wounded and their Families. Since the Warrior and Family Support Center helps service members and Families being seen at Brooke Army Medical Center and the Center for the Intrepid, I thought they were the best organization to support."

"The San Antonio Krav Maga Regional Training Center held a training event Dec. 12, teaching basic skills and avoid knife threats and attacks," MacKenzie said. "They charged \$30 per person, or \$30 worth of donated items, and had about 76 people registered for the training."

WFSC Program Manager Judith Markelz accepted the items and thanked members for their support. She noted that the Air Force and Army might wear different uniforms, but are part of the same military.



Photo by Spc. Natalie Sampson

A mobile interrogation team from the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion board a helicopter for a "remote" location for a simulated interrogation of "detainees" in an exercise on Camp Bullis.



Photo by Gregory Rippes

Staff Sgt. Shermaine Terry, of the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion, monitors a simulated interrogation during the battalion's Mission Readiness Evaluation at Camp Bullis.

## 201st Military Intelligence Battalion completes Mission Readiness Evaluation

By Spc. Natalie Sampson  
470th MI Brigade Public Affairs

An initial deployment rehearsal exercise for the 201st Military Intelligence Battalion was conducted at the Intelligence and Security Command Detention Training Facility and encampment area Dec. 7-11 at Camp Bullis.

The purpose of the exercise was to validate the battalion's readiness before deploying to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010.

As the third in a series of exercises, it was a continuation of previous battalion- and company-level exercises conducted in October and November that integrated line companies in order to operate successfully as a Joint Intelligence Debriefing Center.

The exercise started

with an information technology rehearsal to ensure that all computer information and communications systems were working properly and culminated with the Mission Readiness Evaluation validation of the unit's training preparedness by 470th Military Intelligence Brigade Commander Col. James Lee and a briefing with INSCOM Commander Brig. Gen. Mary Legere.

The MRE validates battalion readiness and the physical infrastructure aspects of the IDTF in order to operate as a JIDC while deployed.

"It is constructed for us to use live intelligence information from theater to train our interrogators, our [intelligence] analysts and our support personnel; to be able to conduct operations as a JIDC down range," said Maj. Jason Liddell, 201st MI

Battalion executive officer.

During this exercise many real-world scenarios were simulated.

Actual Afghan citizens, contracted from across the U.S., were embedded to play the roles of detainees or interpreters in order to enhance interrogators' experience in dealing with the Afghan language, culture, religion and customs.

"It's a level of realism that you just can't have without those support personnel as role players," said Maj. Ira Smith, 201st MI Battalion S-5 (plans officer). "This capstone event is pretty realistic as far as what we hope to see on the ground in Afghanistan. We're trained and ready to do our job; we're looking forward to it."

This exercise also integrated other interesting segments of the battalion essential to achieving

successful intelligence operations.

The Interrogation Control Element determined which detainees were most valuable to the plans for interrogation while the Document and Media Exploitation team acted as "scientists," analyzing any exploitable materials using real-world databases, to help interrogators build their case.

Also participating in this exercise were observer controllers from the U.S. Army Intelligence Center school for professional training of military intelligence personnel at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. Instructors provided mentorship and feedback at a daily "hot-wash" meeting to assess what they observed in order to improve procedures.

Personnel and security sections of the battalion

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Command and U.S. Northern Command, and Gen. Peter Chiarelli, vice chief of staff of the U.S. Army.

Prior to assuming command of Army North, Swan served as the Chief of Staff and Director of Operations, CJ3, for Multi-National Force – Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Before that, he served with as the Director of Operations, J3, with U.S. Northern Command, based out of Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

“I am grateful for this opportunity to lead the Soldiers and civilians of Army North for two reasons,” said Swan, after assuming command from Turner. “First, I believe deeply in the mission and the people of this command. And second, in my mind there is no

more noble task for a Soldier than to use one’s skills and experience to assist and, if necessary, to defend our fellow citizens in their homeland in times of great need.

“This job, this command, is truly the ‘no penetration line’ in the defense of our country.”

Prior to the ceremony, Chiarelli promoted Swan to the rank of lieutenant general before a group of Family and friends in Swan’s new office.

Turner took command of Army North in 2006 after previously serving as the commanding general of the 101st

Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, Ky., where he deployed his command to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“Tom Turner is one of the finest men I know,” Chiarelli said. “He is a leader, a Soldier and a diplomat – a husband, a father, a son and a friend. Throughout his career, he has held numerous difficult and demanding positions; and, in each case, he has done an absolutely masterful job.”

While serving as commanding general for U.S. Army North, Turner

stood up the nation’s first chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive consequence management response force, which is tasked in preparing for catastrophic events, such as terrorist attacks or natural disasters.

“Tom Turner was given the job of crafting Army North into a joint force land component command,” Renuart said. “Tom has just done a spectacular job in leading this command. He has been proven in tough circumstances. Over the last three years, I have

counted on Tom to lead, to coordinate and to support all of the operations that U.S. Northern Command has been asked to carry out in this country.”

In 2008, he said Turner and U.S. Army North responded to back-to-back hurricanes, Gustav and Ike, and provided a rapid response and provided key support capabilities, to include search and rescue, evacuation, transportation and medical.

“Not only have you taken this command from good to great, you

have done the same for every unit and organization you have lead throughout your career,” exclaimed Chiarelli. “The Army is undoubtedly better and stronger for your efforts and sacrifices – and those of your Family.”

Turner, who graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1974 said his next move will be a difficult one for him and his Family.

“This will be a difficult transition for me personally,” said Turner. “The Army has been my life.

E911 from P1

Text Telephone Devices used by deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-impaired callers.

Fort Sam Houston brought its emergency response system up to date recently with a new E911 system, investing \$750,000 and promising greater precision and faster response times on post.

The occasion was marked by a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by FSH Garrison Commander Col. Mary E. Garr Dec. 15.

“Fort Sam Houston is the first U.S. Army instal-

lation in Texas to get the E911 system,” said Steve Martin, public safety communications supervisor. “We’ll now be able to capture all 911 calls from commercial numbers, post housing and cell phones throughout Fort Sam and Camp Bullis.”

In addition, the new system will allow dispatchers to gain a wide variety of information about the caller as soon as the 911 call is picked up by the system. One feature of the E911 system allows for automatic number and location identification, and even brings up the entire past call history associated

with the incoming number.

“We can even get all the information from wireless and VoIP phone numbers and pinpoint the location of a cell phone to within three feet,” Martin said. “In case the dispatcher wasn’t able to understand the caller, there is an automatic playback feature as well.”

The new system is also equipped with ProQA software which guides the dispatcher through the process of collecting vital information from the caller, obtaining the patient’s status, choosing an appropriate dispatch level, and instructing the caller with medically approved protocols until the dispatched units arrive at the scene.

“ProQA provides a script for the dispatcher

to assist the caller to help them until police, fire or (emergency medical services) arrive,” Martin added. “This helps us provide the very best in service and speed, as the correct dispatch levels are usually determined quickly.”

“The ProQA system is incredible,” said Sheldon Day, one of the three emergency service dispatchers on duty. “I had a man call me from his car who was having a heart attack. The software walks you through the incident and helps us to keep the caller calm and informed. I found out later the man ended up having quadruple bypass surgery and is doing fine now.”

Along with an improved system comes improved training. “We have 10 dispatchers here and each has gone

through more than 100 hours of training in the E911 system,” Martin said.

“What’s unique about the system is that we’ll do more than just a typical 911 responder that just takes the call and sends it along somewhere else,” said dispatcher Michelle Aguilar.

“We start the call and see it all the way through,” added Dispatcher Mike Markovitch, who has helped two women through childbirth with the new system. “This system is a great benefit to people here.”

Incorporated into the E911 system are mobile data terminals in each patrol vehicle, and Martin said that this feature, along with an automated vehicle locator which comes online in the next few months, will

allow dispatchers to know where all their resources are at any time.

“By knowing where all our vehicles are, we can send the closest one to respond to an emergency call any where on Fort Sam Houston or Camp Bullis,” Martin said. “This further enhances our response times.”

The ramp up to the E911 system launch has taken about two years and has been done in phases, Martin said, and brings it up to par with Bexar County and San Antonio in terms of dispatch functions and equipment.

“This is really a far cry from just a year ago,” Garr said as she looked over the new system and talked with the dispatchers. “It really has come a long way.”



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staff kept Soldiers’ personnel actions up to speed and ensured information security and force protection.

“I am mentally and physically ready,” said Pfc. Amanda Rajkumar, a human resources specialist, who volunteered to deploy with the unit. She said morale and relationships are very supportive in her section.

“[Leadership] is always approachable, and if I need help, even those who don’t work in my section will come to help out,” said Rajkumar.

A few miles away, at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility, a group of Soldiers and civilians engaged in a Mobile Interrogation Team exercise.

A UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter flew the MIT in two chawks of passengers

to a secluded area to practice interrogating detainees in a remote location. Before arriving at this location, the MIT received a pre-flight brief, and after arriving at the interrogation site, simulated interrogating detainees inside a facility with limited resources.

“We may have to send out teams like this in Afghanistan,” said Sgt. 1st Class Dana Anderson, noncommissioned officer in charge of the battalion’s operations section. “This exercise sets the standard for what communications, video and audio equipment we need to bring.”

It also gave them insight into how to sustain themselves in an environment away from the core unit for days at a time.

The MIT team ended their event with an airlift back to the IDTF.

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in front of building 1000, known as “Old BAMC,” whose historic past includes serving as the hospital for Soldiers injured in Vietnam and Operation Just Cause.

Dewhurst first met with Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, ARSOUTH commander, before receiving his briefing from Lee.

Lee spent more than an hour with Dewhurst, discussing intelligence capabilities and operations in South and Central America and the Caribbean. Lee focused on the counter narcotics and illicit trafficking mission that supports U.S. Army South, U.S. Army North, Joint Task Force North and SOUTHCOM.

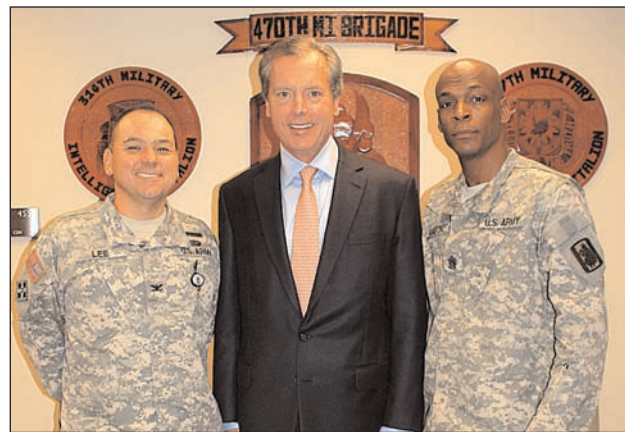
The lieutenant governor said he was pleased to hear of the various

intelligence support missions being conducted in support of JTF North and the U.S. Border Patrol that assist in securing the geographic sovereignty of Texas and the United States.

“The Soldiers and civilians of the brigade execute their daily duties in support of the commanding general’s intent to interdict illicit trafficking of illegal drugs and human capital,” Lee said.

The commander told Dewhurst about the large amounts of cocaine produced in Colombia and Peru that eventually reach the shores of United States and about the actions the Army is taking to combat this illicit trafficking threat to the U.S. homeland.

Dewhurst expressed particular interest in operations that ensured the safety and good order



**Photo by Gregory Rippes**

Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst (left) stands with Col. James Lee, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Mason, 470MIBde command sergeant major; after receiving a briefing from Colonel Lee about the brigade.

for the citizens of Texas and encouraged increased interagency coordination towards combating this threat. Lee finished the discussion by emphasizing his support of protecting the border and people of Texas and to continue the brigade’s work with JTF

North and the border patrol. Dewhurst stated his appreciation for the service of the Soldiers and civilians who work to ensure the freedoms and liberty of Texans and U.S. citizens and thanked Lee and his staff for their time.

# Teamwork, partnering get H1N1 vaccination mission accomplished

By L.A. Shively  
FSH Public Affairs

The 32nd Medical Brigade and the 232nd Medical Battalion immunized over 5,000 active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers from the 32nd Med. Brig., and the 232nd, 264th, and 187th Medical Battalions against the H1N1 flu virus, over seven days and on very short notice.

A total of over 7,400 will be immunized when Department of Defense civilians and permanent party are included and vaccines arrive.

"We're focused on Initial Entry Training [Soldiers] because they are the more susceptible age group," said Lt. Col. Robert Cornes, executive

officer for the brigade.

Orders to inoculate the entire brigade were received Dec. 7 and leadership immediately established two operations within the Learning Resources Center and Blesse Auditorium so Soldiers could receive the vaccine with minimal interruption to their schedules.

"We wanted to make it less of an inconvenience for our battalions," said Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Bean, brigade tasking noncommissioned officer.

"We could capture all the 232nd Soldiers within their footprint so that it was less disturbing during their programs of instruction and make chow."

"We were able to maximize efficiency," Cornes

said. "We could run a high number of people through, scan their Common Access Card and enter their information into the system."

"We've been taking care of roughly 800 Soldiers in around 40 minutes," Bean said.

Cornes explained that a major part of the success of getting the large numbers of Soldiers vaccinated was due to an active partnering with the Brooke Army Medical Center clinicians and nurse practitioners to provide the vaccine and the Base Communications Management Center technicians to get each Soldier's information entered accurately into the Medical Protection System. Known as MEDPROS, the



Courtesy photo

The 32nd Medical Brigade and the 232nd Medical Battalion coordinated immunizations for over 5,000 active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers against the H1N1 flu virus.

system, designed by the Army Medical Department tracks immunization, medical and dental readiness and deployability data for active and reserve components of the Army and Department of the Army civilians, contractors and others.

John Seipp, a force health protection readiness specialist with the U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School explained that MEDPROS allows real-time access to boots-on-the-ground data. "When we put in vaccination information this morning, it shows up on database

reports in 24 to 48 hours," Seipp said adding that the general, his staff or the brigade commander can know the status of his command daily.

Drawing up a large number of vaccines within a short period time was a major logical challenge for the brigade said Bean. The H1N1 vaccine cannot be pre-drawn and stored on ice, he said. "As we were sending the Soldiers down the line, we were drawing up the vaccine. We don't want to waste any of the vaccines, so one group drew, one group gave the vaccine, and one group entered the information

into MEDPROS," Bean said.

Immunizing Soldiers prior to exodus from the post was the goal.

"We don't want them to bring back the H1N1 into the barracks," Cornes said. "It could be a life-threatening issue. We're minimizing the threat."

"We're not expecting cases but with the H1N1 so prevalent, we wanted to ensure our Soldiers were vaccinated," Bean said. The mission was accomplished with lessons learned through teamwork and partnership.

"We learned that we can actively vaccinate our force when we bring the resources to bear. We can vaccinate a large population rapidly," said Cornes.

"The planners for the battalion made this whole thing great – they had the plan of attack and were the best asset we had in carrying out this mission," Bean said, adding he was glad to take care of Soldiers so they could enjoy the holidays with their Families.



# Mentoring program a win-win for Soldiers, students

By L.A. Shively  
FSH Public Affairs

The second-grade students clapped and cheered for the 20 Fort Sam Houston Soldiers as they entered the William Paschall Elementary School cafeteria in an unplanned and rousing standing ovation.

"I was fighting back tears. It was the most emotional thing I've ever experienced. It was so unexpected," said Spc. Rachel Moore, a health care specialist with Family Medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center, who volunteered to mentor a student.

"They felt like rock stars," said Staff Sgt. Edmund Perez, installation Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers presi-

dent for Fort Sam Houston, who accompanied the group to the school as part of a newly-organized program for students and Soldiers.

"It was really touching for the Soldiers," said Principal Jayanna Kelly. "The respect the students have for what Soldiers do for our nation was evident."

"BOSS was asked to start a mentorship program where Soldiers befriend and mentor students who have been selected by the administration and staff at Paschall," Perez said.

The group went to the school for the first of a series of meetings between students and Soldiers.

Soldiers first met with Kelly, who described the



Courtesy photo

Sgt. Tia Leas spends time with her student-mentee during a pizza party at William Paschall Elementary School.

premise behind and expectations for the program.

According to Kelly, 76 percent of the students come from low-income households and many live in single-parent homes. Students were selected based on academic or emotional need and may

be the oldest, responsible for taking care of younger brothers and sisters.

"These children need someone to encourage, motivate and care about them. Some of the children may have difficulties with school work and find it hard to persevere

when learning does not come easily to them," Kelly said.

"They see somebody who serves something greater than themselves and somebody who has aspirations for something better," said Capt. Stephen Hernandez, an attorney with the Fort Sam Houston Judge Advocate General's office.

"It's a good opportunity to show kids they can do well in life. Mentors bring different experiences to the table for the kids," Moore said. She has met with her student three times during which they spend time in the library taking turns reading aloud and acting out a character in the story.

"I didn't realize how much I would enjoy spending time with (my

student-mentee). He already knows that he wants to go to college and specialize in computer science. Then he wants to join the Army," said Sgt. Tia Leas, a supply sergeant with the Special Troops Battalion, U.S. Army South.

"The first meeting was hugely successful," Kelly said. "One of the students paired with a Soldier normally doesn't smile, hardly talks and seems to be a bit depressed, but couldn't stop talking, smiling and seemed to be enjoying herself very much."

Perez said the BOSS Program and Paschall Elementary are still looking for a few Soldiers who want to make a difference in the lives of children.

# New Army.mil to deliver headlines readers want

By C. Todd Lopez  
Army News Service

Visitors to [www.Army.mil](http://www.Army.mil) will experience a new level of Web customization and personalization.

The team behind the Army's Web presence has redesigned the site with the end-user in mind. Visitors will be able to choose what kind of information they want to see on the front page and have the latest information that meets their criteria presented to them first, every time they visit.

The redesign of the site began more than a year ago, when the Army's Web team brainstormed on how to meet a directive from the Secretary of the Army to create a Web site to showcase a "world-class Army."

"The Web team came together to come up with ideas for how they would create a world-class site, and they came up with the idea of a customizable Web site – which is the first in the services to provide that," said Patricia Downs, deputy director of the Army's Online Social Media Division.

Downs said the level of customization now possible on [www.Army.mil](http://www.Army.mil) is new inside the Department of Defense. No other site has offered all users, both military and the general public, the ability to log in and customize information delivery and appearance options and then save those customizations for reuse on subsequent visits.

It took nearly 16 months for the 23 Web developers, designers and content editors to create that capability, Downs said.

To take advantage of the features on the site, users will first need to log in using credentials from AKO, or from select non-military Web sites such as Google, Yahoo! or AOL.

Once logged in, users can personalize their [www.Army.mil](http://www.Army.mil) experience by adding and configuring any number of "widgets," each of which allows them to view different kinds of information from different sources.

"The best thing about Army.mil is that it's using

the content that I want, so that it's right there when I log in, all the time," said Meghan K. McCormick, the site's social media strategist and content manager.

One of the widgets that allows that to happen, for example, pulls headlines from other military service's Web sites, including the Air Force, the Marine Corps and the Navy. An additional widget allows users to display on their customized page those Army news headlines that come from their particular unit.

The RSS feed widget will allow users to display news headlines from virtually any source on their personalized [www.Army.mil](http://www.Army.mil) page.

Other available widgets provide access to information posted by Army organizations on such social networking sites as Twitter, Flickr, Facebook and YouTube. And another provides Army-related videos and Army newscasts.

"We are tailoring it to our audience," McCormick said. "The people coming to

Army.mil – they are looking at these social media sites, and they want to see Army social media."

Initially, a total of 20 widgets are available, but the team is working to add more.

To access the new features of [www.Army.mil](http://www.Army.mil), visitors to the site should look for the "My.Army.mil" login box. Soldiers log in using an AKO account login name and password, CAC account or a Google, Yahoo! or AIM password.





# Exercise is important for good health

By Lori Newman  
FSH Public Affairs

Don't wait until the New Year to get fit. Regular physical activity is important to maintain good health; not just for weight loss.

"When we exercise our lungs take in additional oxygen, which is fuel for the heart and the brain. Regular exercise strengthens the heart, helps prevent heart disease and can help to prevent strokes," said Lucian Kimble, fitness coordinator and certified personal trainer at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, physical activity helps reduce high blood pressure; the risks for type 2 diabetes, heart attack, stroke, and several forms of cancer; arthritis pain; osteoporosis and symptoms of depression and anxiety.

"Physical fitness is beneficial for our mental health. Exercise can release stress and tension in our lives. Strenuous exercise can release endorphins in your brain, and actually make you happier," Kimble said.

According to the [www.HealthierUS.gov](http://www.HealthierUS.gov) Web site, more than 60 percent of American adults do not get enough physical activity, and more than 25 percent are not active at all.

The amount physical activity a person needs to management their weight can vary greatly. According to the CDC, to maintain weight people should work their way up to 150 minutes of moder-



Photo by Lori Newman

Students attend a yoga class at the fitness center. Yoga is one of several classes offered at the Jimmy Brought.

ate aerobic activity, 75 minutes of vigorous aerobic activity or a combination of the two, each week.

Moderate-intensity activities include walking briskly, light yard work, actively playing with children or a casual bike ride. Vigorous activities include jogging or running, swimming laps and most competitive sports such as football, basketball or soccer.

Joy Row attends the yoga class at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Row said she started exercising to manage her chronic pain, but gained strength and flexibility as well.

"Lisa, the yoga instructor, is really great about helping me modify the exercises," she said. "I had a back injury and was in physical therapy for four months."

"Exercise is addicting," said 79-year-old Wera Sharp. "I exercise three times a week at the gym, but I walk three miles every day."

Kimble recommends exercising four times a week for 20 to 30 minutes.

"Try to take 10,000 steps a day," he recommends.

The Jimmy Brought offers several fitness classes including yoga, aerobics and aquatics; free blood pressure screening; body composition testing and weight loss counseling.

"If you are new to the gym, we recommend you ask for an equipment orientation," said Anthony Poore, facility manager at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation will held a New Year's Eve 5K Run Dec. 31 starting at midnight at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Registration is free. This event is a safe, healthy way to celebrate the New Year with the entire Family.

MWR also offers many intramural sports throughout the year, billiards and pingpong begin in January; volleyball and racquetball in February; followed by golf, soccer, softball and flag football later in the spring. For more information on intramural sports call 221-3003.





## MARINES PLAY SANTA FOR FAMILIES

Elizabeth Castro and her daughter, Abcde Gonzalez, 2 years old (right), take the toys they have been given by Marines from the 4th Recon Battalion at Fort Sam Houston. "It's an awesome program. We get the gifts, wrap them and put them under the tree for a real Christmas," Castro said. "Over 5,000 Families signed up this year," said Gunnery Sgt. Daryl Llanes. Local toy collection campaigns begin in October when members of the community drop new, unwrapped toys in collection boxes positioned in local businesses. Coordinators pick up these toys and store them in central warehouses where the toys are sorted by age and gender. "This is the Marine Corps saying thank you to the community for their support," said Llanes. Below, Lance Cpl. Danny Guiterrez bags toys for Families at the Navy Operational Support Center, FSH.

Photo by L.A. Shively



## News Briefs

### BRIEFS from P3

#### New Research Study

Healthy male or female  
Department of Defense beneficiaries between 18- 55, may be eligible to participate in a study conducted by researchers from Brooke Army Medical Center to determine the safety and dosage of an investigational vaccine against skin and wound infections caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*. Volunteers make 6-8 outpatient visits over 3-4 months and compensated based on DoD regulations. Call 916-6014.

#### McWethy Troop Medical Clinic

Cadre may call the Central Appointment Management Office at 916-9900, or book on-line at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com) for regular or acute, same day appointments. If acute appointments are unavailable with CAMO, Cadre may walk in to be triaged between 6:30-7:30 p.m. Call 916-3000 to leave a message with a health care provider and include a contact number. Allow at least three working days for a return call.

#### Stimson Library Holiday Schedule

Dec. 17, 7:30-11:30 a.m.  
Dec. 18, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Dec. 19-20, Closed  
Dec. 21-23, 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
Dec. 24-27, Closed  
Dec. 28-30, 7:30-9:30 a.m.  
Dec. 31-Jan 3, Closed  
Jan. 04, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. (Normal Schedule) Call 221-6390

#### BAMC Main Outpatient/Pediatric Pharmacy

Dec. 21-Jan. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, Closed  
Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sunday, Closed

#### Urgent Care Clinic

Monday-Friday, 6-10 p.m.  
Saturday, 5-10 p.m.  
Sunday, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.

#### FSH Community Pharmacy

Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturday, Closed  
Sunday, Closed  
Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, Closed

#### Camp Bullis Pharmacy

Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday, Closed  
Sunday, Closed



# Christmas in 1776 and beyond

By John Manguso  
Fort Sam Houston Museum

The Christmas season is upon us and American Soldiers are serving overseas in combat.

So what else is new?

On Christmas in 1776, George Washington was leading an American army through sleet and snow across the Delaware River to attack a Hessian garrison at Trenton.

It was said you could track the American Army by the bloody footprints in the snow.

In 1944, Roy Bodine, captured by the Japanese on Bataan in 1942, spent most of Christmas Day jammed into a box car in the sweltering heat of Luzon with almost two hundred other POWs. Christmas dinner was half a cup of rice.

On the other side of the world, the "Screamin' Eagles" of the 101st Airborne Division were surrounded in Bastogne in the snow-covered Ardennes Forest and under attack.

George S. Patton had the Third Army Chaplain compose a prayer for good weather so his troops could break through to relieve the 101st.

In 1950, the troops in Korea wondered if they would be "home by Christmas" as they advanced toward the Yalu River.

They weren't. American troops spent a dozen Christmases in Vietnam and, to date, will have spent seven in Iraq.

Soldier during the Battle of the Bulge, 1944



Merry Christmas, 1776, by H. Charles McBarron. Alexander Hamilton's battery opens fire at the battle of Trenton.



Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Courtesy photos

Then there were the Christmases not spent in combat: Christmas at tiny forts on the wind-swept plains of Nebraska; Christmas at countless training camps throughout the United States for basic and advanced individual training; Christmas watching the Korean Demilitarized Zone and the Iron Curtain in Europe;

Christmas in Bosnia and Kosovo; Christmas in any of the garrisons manned by the Army around the world; Christmas away from home and family.

In 1776, George Washington said, "The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God, on the courage and conduct of this army."

It was true then and it still applies today. Our ability to spend Christmas in our homes has been guaranteed by those soldiers who spent their Christmases in uniform. Remember them and their sacrifice. Thank them. Salute them. Merry Christmas.

## Holiday Story Time

The Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library hosted a Holiday Story-time Dec. 6 where Volunteer Jenny Koranyi read several stories to the children including "Rudolf, the Red-Nosed Reindeer." Koranyi asked the children about their holiday wishes and responses ranged from teddy bears to trucks. Afterwards, Librarian Dena Melvin, along with volunteer Amber Wessies, assisted children and parents in creating a festive card for a loved one featuring Rudolf, the red-nosed reindeer. Using frosting, candy, and gel icing, the children made festive sugar cookies for those soldiers using the library.



Santa Claus, also known as Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, installation commander, wishes a safe and happy holiday to the students attending classes at the 32nd Medical Brigade who will be going home for the holidays.

Photos by Esther Garcia



Santa Claus arrives at the 32nd Medical Brigade Holiday run to wish the Soldiers happy holidays and join in the run.



Santa Claus joins 32nd Medical Brigade Commander Col. Randall Anderson, Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall Huffman, staff, and more than 3,000 Soldiers assigned to the brigade in a holiday run through the streets of historic Fort Sam Houston.

## 32nd Med Bde Holiday Run



32nd Medical Brigade students wear fun holiday attire as they begin the holiday run the early morning hours of Dec. 10.

## Holiday Ball

Photos by Phil Reidinger



Attendees at the annual Holiday Ball sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The Army Medical Department Center & School Color Guard depart after posting the colors at the Holiday Ball.



Thad Ziegler (right) receives the Order of Military Medical Merit and Douglas Dupree is made an Honorary Member of the U. S. Army Medical Department Regiment. Individuals are recognized for their outstanding contributions to the military medical community.



Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw presents the Order of Military Medical Merit to Dr. Carol Hobaugh, 1st Sgt. Carlisle Jones, Lt. Col. Albert Flachsbarth and Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Abin during the Holiday Ball at the Sam Houston Club Dec. 11. The O2M3 is awarded to Army Medical Department Soldiers for their distinguished service to the AMEDD.



## Soldiers pack pounds for homeless veterans

By Gregory Rippes  
470th MI Brigade Public Affairs

Soldiers running in the pre-dawn of Dec. 2 with extra weight on their backs hadn't "gained" additional pounds. Each carried a rucksack with about 25 pounds of food or personal hygiene items to donate to homeless veterans.

Twenty-one Soldiers of Army South and the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade ran the five-kilometer course. Others helped set up and monitor the event and pack the items after the runners emptied their sacks of their contents.

Staff Sgt. Cory Lovejoy, U.S. Army South G2 (Intelligence), said he was taking the items to the Residential Center for Veterans, a shelter for homeless veterans run by the

American GI Forum and located just west of downtown San Antonio.

One of a few of its kind in the country run by veterans for veterans, the center identifies homeless veterans, provides them with health assessments and helps them find support services and employment.

"There is really no significance or symbolism for carrying the food on our back other than the fact that it was a Soldier event and that's what we do when we ruck," said Lovejoy.

"I supported the event by manning the turn-around point and cheering the Soldiers on," said Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Mitchell, 401st MI Company, who couldn't run because he is currently on a medical profile.



Photo by Gregory Rippes  
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert King, 401st Military Intelligence Company, and Staff Sgt. Jose Moreno, Army South G-3 (Operations and Plans) remove canned food from their rucksacks for boxes for homeless veterans.



# Vitality Warriors place first in Rambler 120 Team Challenger Relay Division

Vitality Warriors, whose members hailed from Fort Sam Houston, Brooks Army Medical Center, Randolph Air Force Base and the Warrior Transition Battalion, placed first out of 38 teams Oct. 17 in the Relay Division during this year's Rambler 120 Team Challenger.

Held at the Randolph Recreation Park, Canyon

Lake, the event is intended to build esprit de corps among units and across services.

The competition gave entrants a choice of two divisions, Xtreme, made up of four-person teams and Relay, made up of five- to eight-person teams.

Competition included 22 miles of biking, six miles of trail and road

running, two miles of rafting, and this year's "mystery" event disc golf.

With more than 300 participants on 50 teams consisting of active Army, Air Force, Marines, and civilians from the area, the competition was fierce said team captain Chief Warrant Officer 3 Arthur Rakowitz.

Each team had to maintain four members for each event at all times while competing and measured each team's cohesiveness, mental agility and physical endurance according to Rakowitz.

"Our strength was the glue that kept our team together. Members of the team agreed that overcoming the physical exhaustion was worth the anguish and therefore turned the competition into fun," Rakowitz said.

"The element of team camaraderie enhanced the enjoyment of competition," John Wolff said.

*(Source: BAMC Warrior Transition Battalion)*



Courtesy photo

Vitality Warriors Team Captain (from right) Chief Warrant Officer 3 Arthur Rakowitz, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Robert Burnside, Sgt. Jonathan Reyna, Chief Warrant Officer 2 James Elber, Staff Sgt. James Bagwell, Master Sgt. David Larriabee and John Wolff (not pictured).

## CADETS MEET CREEPY CRAWLIES



Photo by Minnie Jones

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Noelle, an Instructor/Writer from the Medical Zoology Branch of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School hands a Madagascar Giant Hissing Cockroach to Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Aaliyah Cosby, a 10th grader from Byron P. Steele High School for a closer look. Zoology is one of several departments the cadets visited while touring Fort Sam Houston Dec. 9.

## CADETS PRACTICE LIFE-SAVING SKILLS



Photo by Kathy Salazar

John F. Kennedy High School Junior ROTC cadets check for a pulse after performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on a patient simulator at the Department of Combat Medic Training Dec. 15. The cadets also visited the Military Police Station and the Warrior and Family Support Center during their tour.



## COLE HONORS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Courtesy photo

Each month Robert G. Cole Middle and High School recognizes one student from each grade level for his or her outstanding attitude, citizenship, and overall contribution to the school. Students are nominated by teachers and one student is selected by the faculty of each grade level. Recipients for November are (front row, from left) Mikayla Dubreuil, eighth grade; Kina Wong, sixth grade; A.J. Bray, ninth grade; (back row, from left) Terrance Hodges, 10th grade; Shamone Jackson, 12th grade; Rachelle Greene, 11th grade. Not pictured is Dominique Newton, seventh grade.

## Cole music department entertains, competes at region events

By Robert Hoffmann  
FSHISD

The music department from Robert G. Cole Middle and High School presented its annual Christmas concert in front of a packed house, Dec. 10 at Cole's Moseley Gym.

Performances ranging from the sixth-grade Beginning Band through the Varsity Band and the Junior through Varsity Choirs thrilled the crowd with sounds of the season.

Two of the outstanding Varsity Band members were selected for the Region Band during Association of Texas Small School Bands competition held Nov. 30 in Marion, Texas.

Clarinetist Kayanna

Wade made the region concert band and flutist Rebecca Washington was selected for region symphonic band.

Each joined approximately 70 other South Texas musicians in their respective bands.

By being a member of the symphonic band, Washington will perform at Area Band Competition Jan. 9 in Orange Grove, Texas.

If selected, she will make the Texas All-State Band, set to appear the second week of February.

The Cole music department is led by the band director Jon Philippus and choir director Dan Vasquez.

### SCHOOL CLOSED

Fort Sam Houston Independent School District announces that all schools and offices will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 1. Students will return to class Jan. 4.

### REGISTRATION DATES

Parents with students new to the district may register their children on Jan. 4. FSH Elementary School will register new students from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents should check in at the school office for directions to the room where registration will be held.

Parents who need to register students in grades 6-12, report to the Robert G. Cole High School main office on Winans Road. Park near the Kiehle Technology Center located at the end of Winans Road. Registration for students to attend Robert G. Cole Middle and High School will occur from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration information and forms can be downloaded from the Policies and Procedures link on the FSHISD Web site at [www.fshisd.net](http://www.fshisd.net).

FSHISD extends well wishes to our Families and military community over the holidays. We look forward to seeing you again in 2010!

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# Cole Middle schoolers featured in All-Star game

By Robert Hoffmann  
FSHISD

Robert G. Cole Middle School students Bryce Ivery, Abraham Mayo, Brian Rubin, and Jerren Scott appeared in the National American Junior Independent Football Federation All-Star game Dec. 5 at Alamo Stadium. Each of the seventh graders plays for the Fort Sam Houston Youth Center Cougars, led by head coach Ted Rogers.

Rogers, along with his assistants, selected the four to appear. Fort Sam's players played for San Antonio's National Division, which had a total of 48 participants from approximately 12 other teams. They faced All-Stars from the



American Division in a tough game in a large unfamiliar stadium. Though Jerren Scott scored a touchdown for National, the American squad won 44-16. All of the boys thought the experience was well worth it, agreeing that

playing on turf under the lights and in such a large stadium was quite exciting. "It was a good learning experience," Abraham Mayo said, while Bryce Ivery summed it up for all the players, "It was fun!"

Fort Sam Houston Youth Center players Brian Rubin, Bryce Ivery, Jerren Scott, and Abraham Mayo.

Courtesy photo



## Intramural Bowling

The intramural bowling season begins Jan. 7. Letters of intent are due Jan. 4 and may be dropped off at the Brigade Gym, Building 1281. A coaches' meeting will be held Jan. 5, 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Call 221-3003.

## Combatives Tournament

The 32nd Medical Brigade will host a combatives tournament Feb. 6 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness

Center. Bouts start at 8 a.m., sign up with your company.

## Intramural Basketball Standings

As of Dec. 10		WIN LOSS	
TEAM			
1st	BAMC	1	0
2nd	ARSOUTH	1	0
3rd	Navy Reserve Ctr.	1	0
4th	SA Recruiting	1	0
5th	321st Civil Affairs	1	0
6th	106th SIG Bde.	1	0
7th	HHD, 32nd Med. Bde.	0	1
8th	ARNORTH	0	1
9th	HHD, 470th MI	0	1
10th	591st Med. Log.	0	1
11th	5th Rec. Bde.	0	1
12th	B Co., 264th Med. Bn.	0	1

## FORT SAM HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT WEEKLY CAMPUS ACTIVITIES DEC. 21-JAN. 1

Winter Break - School Resumes Jan. 4

**Robert G. Cole Middle and High School**  
**Dec. 21**  
Girls JV/V basketball at St. Mary's Hall, 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Dec.28**  
Boys V basketball Devine Tournament, TBA  
**Dec. 29**  
Boys V basketball Devine Tournament, TBA  
**Jan. 2**  
Girls JV/V basketball at Comfort, 2:30 and 4 p.m.  
Boys JV/ V basketball at Comfort, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m.

# Cole students present water conservation proposal to FHISD school board

By Robert Hoffmann  
FSHISD

Students from Robert G. Cole High School's Aquatic Science class presented a long-range campus water conservation proposal to the Fort Sam Houston Independent School District Board during their monthly meeting, Dec. 3. The proposal, which incorporates gathering and recovery of runoff rainwater from campus buildings and air conditioning condensation, is a product of Cole's Student Water Action Team. SWAT is a service-learning educational program developed for San Antonio area high school students and teachers by

the San Antonio Water System with a concern for the community's water resources. Students postulated that gathering and reusing condensation and runoff would approach approximately 1.4 million gallons of free water. Gathering and reusing condensation and runoff could save the district the money it currently spends on irrigation gray water and allow that water to be diverted to other parts of FSH. The class proposed to start with a test garden using the "new" water; utilizing its products in Culinary Arts Classes and studying the plants and subsequent insects in the Biology classrooms.

Students' ideas were well-received by the school board. Discussions after the presentation focused on integrating water conservation ideas into construction plans currently being drawn-up for Cole's new cafeteria building. Aquatic Science is taught by first-year Cole teacher Jonathan David, who said the class got interested in the idea on a trip to Sea World which highlighted its water conservation efforts. "It's a valuable educational experience for the kids to see how something taught in the classroom can be actually used in the real world," David said.



## Announcements

### ASC Computer Lab Closure

The Army Community Service computer lab will be closed Dec. 28-Jan. 1 for construction. It will reopen Jan. 2 at 12 p.m. Call 221-2418.

### Here's to the Heroes

Anheuser-Busch is honored to salute the men and women of our armed forces and their Families. Throughout 2009, members of the military and as many as three direct dependents may enter any one of Anheuser-Busch's SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission. This offer ends Dec. 31. For more information or to register, visit [www.herosalute.com](http://www.herosalute.com).

### Free Armed Forces Bowl Tickets Available

Humana Military will be providing free transportation and tickets to the Armed Forces Bowl Dec. 31 in Fort Worth, Texas. The pick-up will be the Sam Houston Club at 4 a.m., game begins at 11 a.m. Limited seats are available. To reserve a seat call 221-4242 with your contact information and the number of seats you would like to reserve.

### Free U.S. Army All American Bowl Tickets

The Sam Houston Club will be distributing a limited amount of free tickets for the U.S. Army All American Bowl to authorized DoD I.D. cardholders. Game will be held Jan. 9 at the Alamodome. Limit of four tickets per person, on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 226-1663.

### "Plaid Tidings"

"Plaid Tidings" at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre through Dec. 19. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. followed by the show. Tickets are \$26/military, \$29/civilian Monday

through Thursday and \$29/military, \$32 civilian, Fridays and Saturdays. Call 222-9694 or visit [www.fortsam-houstonmwr.com](http://www.fortsam-houstonmwr.com).

### Women Encouraging Women

Learn to deal with life-changing facts in a four-part series titled, "Coping with Separation and Divorce." Jan. 12, understanding separation and divorce will be discussed; Jan. 14, the legal aspects of separation and divorce; Jan. 26, helping children cope with divorce; and Jan. 28, divorce busters will be the topic. These meetings will be held 12-1 p.m. are open to all Soldiers, DoD civilians and Family members. Bring a lunch and a friend. Call 221-0349/0600 for class locations.

### Central Registration is now Parent Central

The Central Registration office at 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797, is now called Parent Central. Only the name has changed! All services, hours and numbers remain the same. Parent Central is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and by appointment only after 4:30 p.m. The office is closed every first and third Friday of the month. Call 221-4871/1723.

### H.U.G.S. Playgroup

Helping Us Grow Securely playgroup for parents and children ages birth to 5-years-old meets Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, for interactive fun play. Registration is not required. Call 221-0349/2418.

### Baby Talk

New Parent Support Program will offer "Baby Talk" Tuesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. This discussion group for parents with children newborn to 12-months-old is parent-driven centering on developmental and behavioral changes going on in your newborn's life. Call 221-0349/0655.

### English as a Second Language Class

Offered Mondays and Fridays 5-8 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Class is free and designed especially for foreign-born spouses. To register, call

221-1681/9698.

### Planning an Upcoming Event?

Looking for a place to hold a special event, holiday party, conference or wedding? The Sam Houston Club, 224-2721, and the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, 221-5863, offer the perfect accommodations and exceptional catering services for up to 600 guests.

### Bowling Center

The Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center opens at 11 a.m. for lunch Tuesday through Friday with a full menu - including Loyce's homemade chicken noodle soup. Daytime games are \$1 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. On Thursdays, get one free game and free shoe rental with a purchase of a meal. Call 221-4740.

### Basketball Coaches Needed

Child, Youth & School Services is looking for dedicated basketball coaches for the upcoming season. Call 221-4871 or stop by Parent Central.

### Driver's Education

The registration deadline for January driver's education classes is Dec. 31. Classes are offered to teens 15- to 18-years-old Monday through Friday, 4:30-6 p.m. at Robert G. Cole High School. The cost is \$344 for classroom and behind-the-wheel driving (student must have learner's permit) and \$275 for behind-the-wheel only. The class is open to dependents of all DoD cardholders. Register at Parent Central, Building 2797, weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 471-9548.

### Swimming Lessons

Learn to swim this winter at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool. Morale, Welfare and Recreation will offer Red Cross swimming lessons to children under 16 years old. The cost is \$40 for an eight-day session. Call 221-1234.

### Martial Arts

Schools of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration & Skills Unlimited offers traditional classes in Korean martial arts, Kuk Sool Won,

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for children 5- to 18-years-old, Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-6 p.m. at School Age Services, Building 1705. The cost is \$80/month and is open to children of DoD cardholders. Register at Parent Central, Building 2797, weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 471-9548.

**Calendar of Events**

**DEC. 17**

**Microsoft Excel Level 3**

The class will be held 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797 in the computer lab. Basic computer skills, completion of Excel Level 1 and 2 and registration required. Call 221-2518.

**Mandatory Initial First-Termer Financial Readiness**

The class will be held 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. Class space is limited. Call 221-1612.

**DEC. 20**

**Christmas Brunch**

The Sam Houston Club will host a Christmas brunch Dec. 20 featuring a salad bar, carving station with Virginia baked ham and Barron of beef, sliced roasted turkey and corn-bread dressing, baked tilapia, tamales, assorted side dishes and desserts. Price per person all-inclusive is \$18.95/members, \$21.95/non-members, \$8.95/children 6- to 11-years-old and children 5 and under free. Call 224-2721.

**DEC. 23**

**Mandatory Initial First-Termer Financial Readiness**

The class will begin at 12 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. Class space is limited. Call 221-1612.

**DEC. 31**

**New Year's Eve 5K Run**

The run starts midnight. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Registration is free and T-shirts will be given to all runners. Bring your dog, bring the stroller and start a

new holiday tradition with the entire Family. Call 221-1234.

**JAN. 7**

**Infant Massage**

The class will be held 10-11:30 a.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Call 221-0349.

**Scream-Free Parenting Series**

The class will be held 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Middle School Teen Center, 2515 Funston Rd. This eight-part series is a principle-based vs. a technique-based approach to parenting that focuses on the parents, not children. Call 221-0349/2418.

**JAN. 9**

**Teen Poetry Workshop**

The workshop will be held 1-3 p.m. at Harlequin Dinner Theatre, Building 2652, Harney Road. The workshop will provide teenagers instruction on writing and performing poetry. Call 221-0349/2418.

**MWR FACILITY HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

**RV Park**

Dec. 24, 25 and 31, and Jan. 1 - closed

**Keith A. Campbell Memorial Library**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Outdoor Equipment Center**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Pool**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Brigade Gym**

Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 - closed

**Central Gym**

Dec. 23 to Jan. 3 - closed

**Auto Craft Shop**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Equestrian Center**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Area**

Dec. 23 to 25 - closed

Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Fort Sam Houston Outdoor Recreation Area Canyon Lake**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Hacienda Recreation Center**

Dec. 18 to Jan. 3 - closed

**Sam Houston Club**

Dec. 21 to Jan. 4 - closed, except for special events

**Golf Course**

Dec. 24, 25 and 31, Jan. 1 - closed

**Bowling Center**

Dec. 21 to 25 and Dec. 28 to Jan. 1 - closed,

except for special events

**Harlequin Dinner Theatre**

Dec. 21 to Jan. 10 - closed

**Central Registration**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Army Community Service**

Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Child Development Center**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Child, Youth & School Services**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Family Child Care**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**School Age Services**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**School Liaison Services**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**SKIES Unlimited**

Dec. 24, 25 and 31, Jan. 1 - closed

**Head Start**

Dec. 21 to Jan. 4 - closed

**Youth Sports**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Financial Management Division**

Dec. 24, 25 and 31, Jan. 1 - closed

**Soldier and Family Assistance Center**

Dec. 24, 25 and Jan. 1 - closed

**Warrior and Family Support Center**

Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 - closed





## Announcements

### Puppy Program Seeking Foster Families

The Department of Defense Military Working Dog Puppy Program is seeking foster Families that: 1. Have time and patience to foster a Belgian Malinois Puppy from 12 weeks to six months of age. 2. Provide a stimulating and safe environment. Our puppies are required to come back to Lackland AFB once a month for vaccinations and evaluations. All of the needed to provide for the puppy are supplied through

our program i.e.; crate, food, toys, etc. Contact 341trsp@lackland.af.mil.

### ASMC Annual Awards

The Alamo City Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting nominations for the CY09 ASMC annual awards. Individuals and teams will receive awards for outstanding accomplishment in the field of comptrollership. The deadline for National-level nominations is Jan. 31. Submit nominations using the instructions, nomination procedures and criteria listed on the National

ASMC Web site at [www.asmonline.org](http://www.asmonline.org). The deadline for local nominations is Jan. 11 and must be submitted on a one-page electronic document endorsed by nominee's comptroller and submitted by their ASMC vice president. Call 652-5328 for more information. There will be no time extensions. The deadline for essays submission on [www.asmonline.org](http://www.asmonline.org) is Feb. 28. This years' topic is; "What can you" as a member of the DOD financial management community, do to provide better decision support to your organizational leadership (comptroller, commander etc.?) Refer to the National ASMC Web site for information regarding monetary awards, publication awards and other chapter awards.

### Red Cross Volunteers Needed

The American Red Cross Office, Building 2650, at the corner of Patch and Harney roads, seeks volunteers to do filing, mailings, answering the telephone, and other duties as requests arise. Caremobile drivers are also needed. Call 221-3355.

### NCO Wives Club

The NCO Wives Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Active duty and retired spouses are

welcome to join. Call 386-8265 or 314-6377.

### Scholarships for Military Children

The Scholarship for Military Children Program can help with a \$1,500 scholarship. Contact your local commissary, school guidance counselor, or visit the program Web site at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) or [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com). Applications deadline is Feb. 17. Call 221-4678 ext. 249.

### Cloverleaf Communicators

The club meets the first and third Thursday, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at the San Antonio Credit Union, Stanley Road, in the conference room. Open to military, civilians and Family members interested in developing and enhancing leadership and communications skills. Call 221-8785, 221-6517 or 916-3406.

### Infectious Disease Paid Clinical Research Study

The Infectious Disease Clinical Research Program is looking for healthy males or females between 18-55 years of age to participate in a research study at Brooke Army Medical Center. The study is to determine the safety and dosage of two parts of an investigational vaccine for the prevention of skin and wound

infections caused by the bacteria *Staphylococcus aureus*. Volunteers will be compensated based on DoD regulations and asked to make about 6-8 outpatient visits over a period of 3-4 months. Call 916-6014.

### BAMC Seeks Volunteers

Volunteer positions are available for the Caremobile, Kernel Club, Patient Library or Patient Transport Program teams. Additionally, volunteer positions are available on the clinic and patient administration staff. Call 808-4982.

### Adolescent Weight Loss Program

Are you an overweight teen? The Brooke Army and Wilford Hall Medical Centers seek overweight military dependent adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18 to participate in a free weight management intervention study. The 12-month adolescent obesity study

incorporates professional medical attention, behavioral therapy, nutritional counseling and medication for weight loss at no cost to participants. Call 916-0607.

### SECDEF Employer Support Freedom Award

National Guard and Reserve members and Families are encouraged to nominate employers who have provided exceptional support of military employees. Nominations will be accepted at [www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil) by Jan. 18.

### Holiday Photo Contest

Shoppers can submit photos to [PatriotFamily@aafes.com](mailto:PatriotFamily@aafes.com) with the title "Memories Etched in Images" in the subject line. Top 50 entries will be posted online and winners will be announced by Jan. 22. First place receives a \$1,000 AAFES gift card with \$500 going to the runner-up.

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## REMINDER CALENDAR

- Dec. 18** Brooke Army Medical Center Holiday Ball, Marriott Riverwalk
- Dec. 19** Pet Vaccinations, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Harris Heights Community Center
- Dec. 24** Training Holiday
- Dec. 29** Newcomer's Extravaganza
- Dec. 31** New Year's Eve 5K Run, midnight Jimmy Brought Fitness Center

## Rocco Dining Facility Menu

Building 2745, Schofield Road

### Friday - Dec. 18

#### Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grilled steaks, chicken pot pie with biscuits, barbecued spareribs, grilled ham steaks, hot spiced applesauce, macaroni and cheese, baked potatoes, wild rice, pinto beans, fried cabbage, carrots, okra and tomato gumbo

#### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Baked kielbasa sausage, fried catfish, blackened catfish, barbecued chicken, cheese ravioli, lyonnaise potatoes, wild rice, black-eyed peas, LA-style smothered squash, asparagus

### Saturday - Dec. 19

#### Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Chicken cordon bleu, baked stuffed fish, roast beef, rigatoni noodles with marinara sauce, au gratin potatoes, steamed rice, baked potatoes, broccoli, corn, wax beans with pimentos

#### Dinner - 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Roast pork, stuffed bell peppers, chicken fried steaks, onion-lemon baked fish, broccoli, rice and cheese casserole, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, orange carrots amandine, stewed tomatoes

### Sunday - Dec. 20

#### Lunch - noon to 1:30 p.m.

Herb baked Cornish hens, spaghetti with meatballs, chicken stir fry, cheese tortellini, scalloped potatoes, steamed rice, seasoned tri-colored noodles, spinach, mixed vegetables

#### Dinner 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Meat loaf, Cantonese spareribs, cheese ravioli, grilled salmon patties, broccoli quiche, mashed potatoes, orange rice, Brussels sprouts, pinto beans, stewed tomato and okra

### Monday - Dec. 21

#### Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Spicy Italian pork chops, lemon-pepper catfish, apple-glazed corned beef, fried chicken, cheese manicotti, pasta primavera, new potatoes, broccoli, yellow squash, French-fried okra

#### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Beef lasagna, vegetable lasagna, ginger pot

roast, sweet and sour chicken, baked sweet Italian sausages, steamed rice, mashed potatoes, oven browned potatoes, succotash, asparagus, cauliflower

### Tuesday - Dec. 22

#### Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Grilled blackened chicken breasts, beef tamales, cheese tortellini, meat loaf, turkey pot pie with biscuits, Spanish rice, steamed rice, cottage-fried potatoes, pinto beans, glazed carrots, spinach

#### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Fiesta chicken and rice, Swiss steaks with brown gravy, baked ham, salmon croquettes, hopping-john rice, mashed potatoes, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, Mexican corn, Harvard beets

### Wednesday - Dec. 23

#### Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Honey-glazed Cornish hens, chicken stir fry, spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese ravioli, spareribs with sauerkraut, parsley-buttered potatoes, steamed rice, spaghetti noodles, corn pudding, zucchini squash, peas and carrots

#### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Ginger pot roast, baked knockwurst, Creole shrimp, vegetable lasagna, country-fried steaks, steamed rice, au gratin potatoes, sweet and sour cabbage, black-eyed peas, carrots

### Thursday - Dec. 24

#### Lunch - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Teriyaki baked chicken, roast beef, grilled tuna patties, sweet and sour pork chops, cheese manicotti, fried rice, scalloped potatoes and onions, baked potatoes, mashed potatoes, stir-fry vegetables, corn on the cob, broccoli polonaise

#### Dinner - 5 to 7 p.m.

Pepper steak, roast turkey, stuffed baked fish, breaded pork fritters, cheese ravioli, cornbread dressing, steamed rice, baked potatoes, cottage-fried potatoes, Brussels sprouts, glazed carrots, Chinese mixed vegetables

Menus are subject to change without notice



**For Sale:** Broyhill entertainment center, \$500 obo; Broyhill dining room set, includes four chairs, two arm chairs and two-piece china cabinet, \$500; glass top dinette with stainless steel base includes four chairs and matching wine rack, \$100; glass top coffee table and matching end tables with stainless steel base, \$100. Call 817-205-1976.

**For Sale:** Glass top coffee table and

end tables, \$75; Hitachi Ultravision 36-inch television, \$80; children's bedroom set, \$50; chairs with rollers, burgundy, \$10 each. Call 262-3007.

**For Sale:** 2002 Honda Accord SE four-door sedan, \$6,100; Igloo Ice Cube cooler, 57-liter, \$10; two Sterilite clear-view drawers, \$10; white wood drawer, \$10; Zojirushi rice cooker, \$45; Ripstik, \$25; white desk with chair, \$30. Call 264-9336 or e-mail docarmy@ymail.com.

**For Sale:** 1991 Maserati convertible/

hard top, V6, automatic, red/black, good condition, \$3,500 firm; three mobile trailers, five bedroom/two bath, two bedroom/two bath, two bedroom/two bath, all three for \$13,500. Call 815-2582.

**For Sale:** Whirlpool commercial-quality dryer, almond color, super capacity plus with seven cycles and four temperature settings, \$75 obo; Compact Presario 6000, desktop with Windows XP Home Edition, new disk drive, 1GB memory, keyboard, Lexmark color printer, no monitor, \$200. Call 818-6585.

To place a Freebie ad, e-mail [news.leader@conus.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@conus.army.mil) or fax 221-1198.

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Third and fourth places receive a \$250 gift card and next five places \$100 each. Rules and entry details are at [www.aafes.com/PatriotFamily](http://www.aafes.com/PatriotFamily).

## Put Your Comments on ICE

Put your comments on ICE. On the Garrison Intranet, click on the ICE logo on the homepage or go to <http://ice.disa.mil>, choose Army CONUS, Scroll down to Fort Sam Houston, click on the active link and you are there. Call the CMS office 221-2543 or e-mail [samh.cms@conus.army.mil](mailto:samh.cms@conus.army.mil).

## Calendar of Events

### DEC. 31

#### Fredericksburg Memorial Walk

The Texas Volkssport Association will host its annual 5k and 10k memorial walk starting at 212 West San Antonio St., Fredericksburg, Texas. Start the walk between noon and 2 p.m., finish by 5 p.m. Call 496-1402 or visit [www.walktexas.org](http://www.walktexas.org).

#### New Year's Midnight Walk

The Texas Volkssport Association will host its annual 5k and 10k New Year's midnight guided walks starting at 212 West San Antonio St., Fredericksburg, Texas. Start the midnight walk when the clock strikes in the New Year between midnight and 12:30 a.m. finish by 3:30 a.m. on

New Year's Day. The TVA will sponsor a social with wine, cheese and sweets beginning at 11 p.m. before the midnight walk begins. Call 496-1402 or visit [www.walktexas.org](http://www.walktexas.org).

### JAN. 21

#### Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Annual Elections

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

will hold its annual elections for The SMA Van Autreve Chapter governing council members Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. All SAMC members are encouraged to attend. All members of the club, call 443-306-9183 with questions and to receive the voting ballot.



#### Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754

##### Catholic Services:

4:45 p.m. - Reconciliation - Saturdays

5:30 p.m. - Mass - Saturdays

9:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11:30 a.m. - Mass - weekdays

##### Protestant Services - Sundays:

8 a.m. - Collective Protestant

11 a.m. - Collective Protestant

##### Jewish Services:

379-8666 or

493-6660

8 p.m. - Fridays - Worship and 8:30 p.m.

- Oneg Shabbat

#### Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432

##### Catholic Services:

9:15 to 11:15 a.m. - Catholic Women of the Chapel Enrichment or Bible Study - Mondays

12:30 p.m. - Mass - Sundays

##### Protestant Services:

10:30 a.m. - Gospel Protestant - Sundays

9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Wednesdays, child care is provided

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting - Thursdays, child care is provided

##### Samoan Protestant Service:

Web site: [www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain](http://www.samhouston.army.mil/chaplain)

8:30 a.m. - Sundays

#### Brooke Army Medical Center Chapel, Building 3600, 916-1105

##### Catholic Services:

8:30 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

11 a.m. - Mass - Sundays

##### Protestant Services:

10 a.m. - Worship Service - Sundays

##### Episcopal/Lutheran Rite services:

12:30 p.m. - Traditional worship - Thursdays

#### Center for the Intrepid, first floor, 916-1105

##### Christ for the Intrepid services:

5:30 p.m. - Coffee and fellowship - Sundays

6 p.m. - Contemporary worship - Sundays

#### AMEDD Regimental Chapel, Building 1398, 221-4362

##### 32nd Medical Brigade Student services

Catholic Mass: 8 a.m. - Sundays

Contemporary Protestant Service: 9:30 a.m. and 11:01 a.m. - Sundays

Muslim Jumma: 1:30 p.m. - Fridays

#### Installation Chaplain Office, Building 2530, 221-5007

##### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints: 8:30 a.m. - Sundays



#### Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 221-2754 Catholic Services

Dec. 24 Mass 9:30 p.m.

Dec. 25 Mass 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 31 Mass 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 1 Holy Mass 9:30 a.m.

#### Protestant Services

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service 7 p.m.

#### Community-wide

Dec. 17-19 Journey to Bethlehem

5:30-8:30 p.m.

#### Dodd Field Chapel, Building 1721, 221-5010 or 221-5432 Catholic Service

Dec. 24 Children's Mass 5 p.m.

#### Protestant Services

Dec. 24 Samoan Christmas Eve

Service 7 p.m.